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This paper is in response to the Final official action dated October 3, 2001, for the above-identified application. Reconsideration is hereby respectfully solicited in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application. The applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in accordance with the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 6, and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Nojima et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,168,263 B1 (Nojima). Claims 13-17